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MUNCIE MAN SENTENCED FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JEFFREY A. KIDD, 37, Muncie, Indiana, was sentenced to 3 years probation, including 6 months home detention, today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to obstruction of justice. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

KIDD's wife had been called for jury duty in U.S. district court on the same day that Bruce McLaren, formerly a Delaware County juvenile court judge, was scheduled to go to trial on criminal charges in a mortgage fraud scheme. At the time, KIDD's son was confined in the Delaware County Youth Opportunity Center, which was overseen by McLaren, and

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KIDD had been carrying a highly visible campaign protesting the conditions at the Youth Opportunity Center. The indictment to which KIDD pleaded guilty arose when he made several phone calls to McLaren in which KIDD suggested that his wife would refuse to vote to convict McLaren if McLaren would assist KIDD in obtaining favorable treatment for his son.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Winfield D. Ong, who prosecuted the case for the government, KIDD is to undergo drug testing and counseling during his probation.

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